Of Gold. The Net Amount Lost in January \$272,266.

HEAD STONES FOR SOLDIERS GRAVES.

Work of Venezuelan Commission -A Great Social Event.-Michigan's Congressional Delegation on a Jaunt. Two Remain at the Post of Duty. Silverites Appeal to the People.

From Our Special Correspondent

Washington, Feb. 24 .- The treasury statement of imports and exports for January has just been made public. and shows a good balance of trade in layor of this country. The total exports were \$87,108,292, and the imports were \$64,602,638, showing a balange of \$22,505,651 in favor of the United States. The balance for January, 1895, was only \$13,682,064. The most important regarding imports and the address of welcome, with a respects relate to gold. During Janus sponse by Rev. J. W. McAllister of ary the exports of gold were \$10,566 .- Alma; appointment of committees: ad-616, and the imports were \$10,294,290. The net amount of gold which this country lost in the entire month was \$272,266. The fact is, the large amounts of gold drawn from the treasury during the month of January-between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000were taken out for speculative puroses and hoarded in this country. During January the exports of silver were \$4,902,629, and the imports were \$1,909,298. It is interesting to note that in the past seven months the United States has exported \$26,855,481 in silver which has not come back.

A contract for 10,000 headstones to mark the graves of soldiers and sailors whose remains repose in national cemeteries has been let by the Quarter- c. master General of the army to W. H. Gross of Lee, Mass. The headstones to be provided by the government are teachers are to be and that the Sunday very plain, their average cost being school and young people's societies only about \$2.

When application for these headstones are made by the friends of the discussion which began to be quite dead veterans to the officers of the military department in which they reside, that many people were converted in the records are carefully examined to everything but politics, etc. Rev. Jones make sure that the deceased is entitled to the benefit of the appropriation. In the discussion out as he thought it was case the examination is satisfactory the not the proper place to discuss politics. stone is shipped to the destination, named by the applicant. The expense song service conducted by Rev E of erecting the stone must be guaranteed by the persons who apply for it. This, of course, only applies to men who have been honorably discharged. Men who die before they have retired from the army or navy are entitled to opened by devotional services led by burial in a national cemetery at the nation's expense, as honored servants for a paper by Mrs. Sara L. Brown of of the country. Bids for these head-stones are called for every two years in on account of sickness. "The Sunday s of about 10,000.

firmation from a source entitled to was not present credit of the statement that has given port was received and adopted and own figures, it follows that she is short rise to so much discussion in the under the head of miscellaneous busi- 163,000,000 of assessed values. But in-British newspapers to the effect that were elected as a committee this government has signified its will- to attend the State convention to be inguess to join in the appointment of a held in Kalamazoo. The convention joint commission with Great Britain recommended that the second Sunday for the settlement of the Venezuelan in May be set for taking a collection dispute. One thing is plain, however, for the State Sunday school work the United States is anxious to agree to convention voted to have a rally day, not surprising that he is satisfied with of industrial development, and bring any plan for the settlement of this time and place left to the executive the peculiar prosperity which he has trouble which holds out any promise of co-mittee insuring the just treatment of Venezuela.

Meanwhile the Venezuelan commis- p m sion is proceeding with its work in a manner that seems to give the supposition that it is not expected to settle the boundry question itself. The work it has already accomplished will be of the greatest value to the succeeding commission, and to this government in any event, save that of the adjustment of the whole question by negotiations directly between Great Britain and Venezuela. The commission has already collected, or is in the way to acquire, nearly 300 maps, modern and ancient, and almost daily others are being heard of. Members of congress and the general public have been contribitors to the general collection, and some of the ancient charts that have come into the hands of the commission are of the quaintest character.

* * The most distinguished social event of the season here is the marriage of the daughter of Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller to Theodore Smith Beecher of Buffalo. The event was solemized at St. John's Episcopal church, which was profusely adorned with graceful palms and other potted plants. Calla lilies were placed on the alter, and near the cross were great clusters of pink bridesmaid roses. The church was tilled with prominent persons. The President and Mrs. Cleveland, Vice President Stevenson and daughter, members of the cabinet and their wives. members of the supreme court, senators and congressmen, several members of the diplomatic corps and their suites, besides a host of prominent society people completely filled the church.

Michigan's congressional representation has been taking a "lay-off" this week. The first days of the week were consumed in preparations for the trip to Detroit to attend the eleventh ansual banquet of the Michigan club. and Wednesday evening the party started. There were sixteen men and one dog in the party. This last member was a large Scotch coolie, which was presented to Mrs. Burrows while she was in Europe, and Senator Burrows took advantage of the present

igan members were in the party. Linton and Stephenson remaining at the capital.

J. J. Matt. chairman of the national committee of the silver party, has issued an address to the people, in which he gives the history of the white metal as a business medium, and declares that the alleged hard times are due to us demonstization. Old party men are asked to renounce their obligations and silverites are asked to be loyal totheir standard. MAC

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association—Held in St. Lows February 25-26.

The tenth annual convention of the Gratiot County Sunday School Associa tion was held in the Christian church at St. Louis Tuesday and Wednesday. February 25 and 26

Tuesday morning's session was opened with devotional services led by president, L. A. Sharp of Alma, reading of minutes by the secretary, after which Rev. J. A. McGreaham delivered journment.

The afternoon session opened with devotional services led by Rev. W. F. Jones of Alma; President's remarks by L. A Sharp of Alma: "The Bible as a Literary Work," by Rev. W. F. Jones of Alma was very interesting and many good points of study and thought brought to light. Temperance in the Sunday School" by Mrs. M. H. Water bury of Ithaca She believed in total abstinence and that it should be taught in every Sunday school, and that this was of as much importance as the Sunday school lesson. She spoke regarding Sunday School teachers, who were on the village council and wh would vote to license the saloon, then the embarassing situation he would be placed in when teaching temperance the next Sunday.

Rev. E /l. Shanks, on the Y P. S. E and S S was of an interesting character. He believes that the church should say who the Sunday sen should work under the hand of the emirch. Mr. Shank's talk met with general approval by the audience

The meeting was then opened for spirited when Newell Leonard said asked the president to cut this part of

The evening session was opened by Shanks, after which State Secret

M. H. Reynolds of Owosso, read a parer on "What is Teaching?" The convention then adjourned until

9:15 a m . Wednesday. Wednesday morning's session was Rev. O. J. Moon. The program called School, Its Place and Purpose," by Rev S B Culp, was attentively listened to Rev. Geo. W. Killeen of Ith-It is impossible to obtain any con- aca, who was to deliver the address values, instead of the 500,000,000, she

> 1897 to be pleaged by this county for the State Sunday school work.

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A Sample of the Rot With Which the Gold Standard Advocates are Trying to Mislead the People of the

One of the clearest and strongest of recent writers in the cause of silver restoration is S. S. King of Kansas City, Kansas. He is the author of "A Few Financial Facts." "Sample Silver Bricks," and other works on economic questions. He writes mainly from the standpoint of the farmer, and shows in the most impressive way how agriculture, in nearly all its branches, has been crippled since 1873. "Sample Silver Bricks" is a most admirable little pamphlet, in which several lines of industry are taken up singly, and the shrinkage in values presented in a most vivid and striking way. The first is entitled "A Soft Brick," and it deals with the alleged prosperity that has blessed the American people since the adoption of the gold standard. It is so suggestive and instructive that it is well worthy of reproduction. Accordingly, it is given in full:

"When was silver demonstrized? It never was demonstized. But when was it deprived of its full legal tender power? In 1873. What has happened since then? The greatest prosperity this country has ever seen. In 1873 Kansas had 2,100 miles of railroad, 375,-000 people, and an assessed valuation of \$125.684,176. Now she has 8,844 miles of railroad, 1,500,000 people, an assessed valuation of \$337,501,722. This is only a sample brick. The whole country has enjoyed unparalled prosperity since

"Mr. Charles S. Gleed, of Topeka, a

prominent director of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, recently contributed an elaborate gold-standard argument to the New York Bond Record, of which the above is an extract. The article, though applauded to the echo by the gold standard folks, and even admired by some of the silver men, is as false in its statement of fact, and Gleed will investigate he will find, I wealth. railroads is in the money centers of the east. The assessed values that he He should amend his figures at once. Applying the simple rule of three, we have this formula: As 375,000 people (Kansas population in 1873) are to 1,500,-000 people (Kansas population in 1895) so are 125,000,000 of assessed values (1873) to 500,000,000 of assessed values (the required amount in 1895). As Kansas has in 1895 337,000,000 of assessed The treasurers re- should have according to Mr. Gleed's asmuch as Kansas ta typical Western state, in just the same condition as her sisters)) though distressingly short in assessed values, is distressingly long on the interest bearing debts which Mr. Gleed's friends hold against her, it is Fifty dollars was voted for the year pages 293 and 294 of the Statistical Ab- of 1873. stract of the United States for 1894. published under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, he will find, in the figures pertaining to the several statement of fact. Farm Animals of the United States.

Jan. 1, 1895. Jan. 1, 1870.

8.248,800. Horses 1.179,500, Mules 2,333,108 10 095 600 Milch Cows 16,504,629 15.388,500 Other Cattle 34.364.216 40,853,000 Sheep 26,751,400 Swine 43,892,708

102,516,800 Total No. . . . 155,282,043

\$1,822,327,377 Total Value. \$1,817,802,110 "This is a wonderful 'brick' of Mr. Gleed's. In the full flush of his unparalleled prosperity 155,000,000 farm animals in 1895 are worth less than 102 -000,000 in 1870! Total number of farm animals increased 51% per cent. There should be a better demand now than then, because population has increased 79 per cent in the meantime. Our Bond. Record man might do another sum thus: As 102,000,000 animals (the number in 1870) are to 155,000,000 animals (the number in 1895), so are \$1,822,000,-000 (value in 1870) to \$2.768,000,000 (the required value in 1895). Hence it follows that as our value of farm animals in 1895 should be \$2,768,000,000 and is only \$1,817,000,000, we are short \$951,-000,000, in spite of Mr. Gleed's 'unparatteled prosperity.' Let the reader impress upon his mind this little, simply object lesson.

Growth of farm animals represented

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"It may be objected that an animal of small value cannot fairly be united with an animal of large value in thus combining their numbers and prices, That is true. But it must be noted that the large increase is in the larger animals, and compared separately, the shrinkage of values in proportion to

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS trip to Detroit to convey the annimal to Michigan. All but two of the Mich. A LIE WELL NAILED. | 000,000 in smaller denominations, and up to the year 1853 all that had been minted was full legal-tender. Besides, we had actually used a very large amount of Spanish milled dollars, Mexican dollars and other foreign silver coins made legal-tender by law. The amount of our actual coinage is immaterial. There were many years during which we coined but little gold-in 1816 and 1817 none at all. From 1860 to 1879. we were doing our business almost exclusively with paper, and there was no more reason for the demonetization of silver than for that of gold. We did not do it because we had to send the most of our precious metals abroad to pay our debts.

We had just emerged from a great civil war. The whole nation was loaded down with debt. We were struggling toward a resumption of specie

It made an enormous difference to us whether we resumed on the basis of both metals or only one.

The opponents of the silver movement, after exhausting every argument against it and in favor of the gold standard, almost invariably declare that they desire an international agreement to restore it. Here they absolutely surrender their case upon every question of principle. If we were all wrong upon this question, why should they want to restore silver by international agreement or in any other way:

But, they say, we cannot do it alone, How do they know? Wherever it has been tried it has proved a magnificent

When driven from their ground upon every point they have the effrontery to insist that we must be in accord with the monetary policy of England. What an argument is that for patriotic American citizens to make! And It is as weak in its logic as it is in its natriotism. To argue that because the gold standard is good for creditor England is must be good for debtor America, is to confound all distinctions.

Our interests are directly the reverse. It is high time for us to establish an American financial policy. We are in favor of a new declaration of independence. The soil of the American colas faulty in its conclusions, as the above onles was drenched in the lifeblood of extract will appear when examined, Mr. our sires in the great struggle for per-Gleed should use a harder brick than sonal freedom. We appeal to the people he uses. Who owns the 6,700 miles of of this country to emulate the spirit of railroad that have been built? Not the their revolutionary ancestors, and repeople of Kansas, do they? Not the solve that as no nation can subjugate people generally of the United States, us by military power, no nation shall do they? Who to own them? If Mr. subjugate us by the insidious power of

apprehend, that somewhere from 90 to We wish to remind our fellow-coun-100 per cent of the ownership of Kansas trymen that we also are citizens of the republic, proud of its past and solicitous for its future. We have no desire tells us have grown from 125,000,000 to to force a pollcy upon it that will threat-337,000,000 have fallen far short of the en its stability, injure its prosperity, growth which he gives the population. or tarnish its fair fame. If an attack of that kind is ever made it will come from the money kings of the cast, aping the ways and courting the favor of European nobles, princes and kingsnever from us. We are for America against the world, and for the interests of the common people above every other consideration:

We believe that the complete restoration of silver will place us in close commercial touch with the silver-using nations of the earth, without in any way injuring our relations with those countries that adhere to the gold standard. That it will enormously increase our foreign exports, arrest the ruinous fall of prices, restore values, build up and invigorate the country on every line back the prosperity that was lost by discovered. If the reader will turn to the vicious and uncalled-for legislation

We have no confidence that any international agreement can be reached within a reasonable time. We are unalterably opposed to letting the cause classes of livestock and their values, an of silver restoration wither and die interesting refutation of Mr. Gleed's while awaiting for relief upon that line, and believe the United States ive meat eating in England is the ill should take the initiative.

We say that the United States is 15.893.318 strong enough to settle this question have, is home rendered so unhappy and alone. We have such configure in the | life made so miserable by the til temoutcome that we are willing to stake per of those who are obliged to live toour all upon the result, and we demand 42,294,664 that a trial be made.

In conclusion, we desire to say to the friends of allver everywhere that as | meat does not form such an integral arour opposities always act as a unit on this presilen, we should do the some, We should combine and raise means | France, urbanity is the rule of the home; No. 1to spread the literature of money money the men of the eastern states; to rend gifted missionaries there to ex- | politeness to one another prevails even named the true falth, and to teach those among the children who play together case so that when the great with to home man and idate for maring for the great producing and a contoration of the pross even the mighty givil war sould not record, but which, unhe translated of the interest uses has presumed the business

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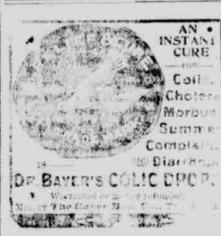
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The Woman Landlord.

Women make very good landlords but beware of the woman who owns or ly one house. She regards it as the ap ple of her eye. She lives near to keep under surveillance. Whether she goe out on an errand or takes her constitu tional, her steps lead by her house. a glance she can tell the condition the shutters, the front door and the ave Her accustomed eye knows every scrate. and she is prepared to resist to the u most any proposition to renew the shut ters or to paint the front door. She regards her tenant as her natural

enemy, and conner understand why she may not enter her own property when CHICAGO. ever she has a mind.

But she is cheerfully prompt on rent day; to oprompt, for she does not take deby with grace. When a woman has a second house, say the agents, her character is amelierated. And as her knowledge of uffairs broadens she does not differ materially from other landlords .-New York Journal.



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